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119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
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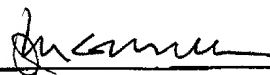
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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to the field of electronic commerce and more specifically to a method of optimizing the purchasing process within a centralized or dispersed company or organization.

It is common for businesses to keep a stockroom of items that are required for their daily activities. For most businesses, these stocked items consist mainly of paper products and business machine refills: notepads, computer paper, printer ink cartridges and toner for copy machines. Such stockrooms may also include other items like paperclips and staples however, they do not include all of the items the entire business will need for production of its product or service. In order to acquire all of the materials a business needs, usually a purchaser or other employee must refer to one or more vendor catalogs.

Business product catalogs come in many different shapes, sizes and in regards to computer related item, formats. In order to stay competitive and to take advantage of electronic commerce most vendors and producers have made their product catalogs available in some electronic form. These electronic catalogs may come in the form of a Compact Disc (CD) that can be distributed to customers or the catalog information may be stored in a server that customers can access via the Internet.

In both of these cases a vendor must invest money in the production of the electronic catalogs. All of the vendor's product information must first be stored in electronic format. Then the information must be stored on a CD or in the memory of a server. In the case of a CD, the vendor must pay for mass copying of the CD followed by mass distribution, which includes gathering address information on potential customers and postage charges. When the vendor is ready to publish a new catalog, or just wants to make changes to a few items in the old catalog, the vendor must make, copy and distribute an entirely

new CD. If the vendor chooses to put their catalog on-line, then they must involve themselves in setting up a website and absorb all of the costs associated with establishing and maintaining the website.

Websites typically reside on the World Wide Web, in a server for example, that is accessed via the Internet from a remote location. Multimedia documents found on the World Wide Web are called Web pages. Linking information together with hyperlinks is accomplished by special computer programs or computer languages. Computer languages used to create Web pages are HyperText Markup Language (HTML) and JAVA. A multimedia device should have a keyboard and a pointing device, such as a mouse or pen, so that the user can direct the associations between multimedia elements.

Photographs, drawings, and other still images must be changed into a format that the computer can manipulate and display. Such formats include bit-mapped graphics and vector graphics. Bit-mapped graphics store, manipulate, and represent images as rows and columns of tiny dots. In a bit-mapped graphic, each dot has a precise location described by its row and column, much like each house in a city has a precise address. Some of the most common bit-mapped graphics formats are called Graphical Interchange Format (GIF), Tagged Image File Format (TIFF), and Windows Bitmap (BMP). Vector graphics use mathematical formulas to recreate the original image. In a vector graphic, the dots are not defined by a row-and-column address, rather they are defined by their spatial relationships to one another. Because their dot components are not restricted to a particular row and column, vector graphics can reproduce images more easily and thus provide better output on most video screens and printers. Common vector graphics formats are Encapsulated Postscript (EPS), Windows Metafile Format (WMF), Hewlett-Packard Graphics Language (HPGL), and Macintosh graphics file format (PICT).

A modem, which stands for modulator-demodulator, is the device that

only contents and many multimedia documents provide access to text-only versions of their files. The process of retrieving files from a remote server to the user's terminal is called downloading. The process sending files to a remote server from a user's terminal is called uploading.

No matter what electronic format a vendor chooses, CD or website, each is flawed, in that neither one can fulfill all of the needs of all of the employees of a given company or organization. It is virtually impossible for a medium or large sized company to find one vendor's catalog that can provide all of the products that are required by that medium or large company.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

According to the preferred embodiment, an intranet based comprehensive ordering system is provided that allows authorized employees to search from multiple vendor/manufacture catalogs that are stored in a server on a company's intranet. The present Electronic Stockroom and Catalog (ESAC) allows vendors to download their catalogs to the system for storage, browsing and possible purchase by authorized employees. ESAC also allows vendors to update catalogs that may already be in the system. ESAC stores the catalogs and provides the employee with the ability to simultaneously search all of the vendors catalogs for desired items. Thus, employees have access to a wide diversity of items. The present system is an attempt at providing the company with one-stop-shopping for every item that every employee will ever need in the course of their employment. If the desired item is available on-site i.e., in one of the stockrooms of the company, then ESAC informs the employee and provides location information relating to the desired item. Items for sale are browsed via a friendly ESAC interface that allows the employee to search for items using keywords, part numbers and other search methods, such as hierarchical for example. If the desired item is not available on-site, then the item can be

ordered from a vendor. Generally speaking, the ESAC operates within the security of a company firewall and access is not available to unauthorized personnel or the general public who may try to access ESAC via the Internet.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The preferred embodiment will now be described in more detail with reference to the accompanying drawings, given only by way of example, in which:

Figure 1 is a generalized block diagram of the preferred embodiment;

Figure 2 is a general flow chart for the preferred embodiment; and

Figure 3 is flow chart for the vendor catalog download process.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present Electronic Stockroom and Catalog (ESAC) embodies the notion of a comprehensive distributor by providing access to products both within a company and outside the company, while operating within the safety of a secure corporate firewall. Because of the security provided, the preferred embodiment enjoys full integration with corporate budget, finance and accounting systems, while retaining all the benefits of having access to the Internet. Integration with other company files allows automated budget tracking, payment for purchases and other desired accounting.

Figure 1 shows employee(s) 3-5 of a company using the preferred embodiment. Each of the employees 3-5 has determined that it is necessary to locate or purchase an item that is needed in the course of their business. Employees 3-5 may be within the same building or dispersed throughout several buildings. In both cases their terminals are connected by a LAN that makes up the company's intranet. Server 2 stores and executes the Electronic Stockroom and Catalog (ESAC) program. The server 2 is physically located within one of

as dropping a received item from a list of back-ordered items, for example.

The preferred embodiment allows the customer to order more than one item and from more than one vendor's catalog. This virtual one-stop-shopping is accomplished by providing ESAC with multiple vendor account code capabilities.

If there are budget limitations based on the vendor, cost center, particular customer or otherwise, ESAC takes those limitations into consideration during the purchasing process. A user friendly interface provides messages to the customer regarding availability of the desired item(s) and informing them of any authorization or other problems with their order.

Figure 3 illustrates the steps that a vendor follows when downloading a catalog to ESAC. Of course the vendor can always mail a computer disk, or other storage medium, to the company that contains the vendor's catalog. If a vendor does mail a disk to the company, then a company employee would load the vendor's catalog to ESAC. However, by taking advantage of electronic downloads directly to ESAC, vendors can save considerable time, money and effort. At step 15, new vendors are identified and transferred to step 16. Vendors that have downloaded catalog information previously skip step 16 and go directly to step 17. Those new vendors that are transferred to step 16 are provided with company requirements such as formats and passwords, as well as any other required information. The company also receives information from the vendor, in step 16, so that the host company is able to establish an account for the vendor. This step need only be done once. After step 16 is complete, the vendor is transferred to step 17 to begin the download. This is the second time that ESAC must connect to the Internet; the first time being when sending a purchase message to a vendor. The vast majority of the time, ESAC is not connected to the Internet. When ESAC is connected to the Internet, security is provided to prevent unauthorized users that are active on the Internet from accessing the ESAC system. Returning to step 17, download begins by the

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method of storing, searching and purchasing a wide variety of items from an intranet based electronic stockroom and catalog (ESAC) comprising the steps of:
 - housing the ESAC in a server that operates on a secure company intranet wherein the ESAC can be accessed by authorized employees at one or more terminals;
 - storing on-site inventory information and vendor catalog information in the ESAC;
 - allowing multiple vendors to download their catalog information to the ESAC for initial loading of their catalogs or updating of their catalogs;
 - providing search capabilities for simultaneous searching, by authorized employees, of the multiple vendor catalogs and items that are available on-site; and
 - integrating ESAC functions with other company electronic files so that budgeting, accounting and authorization limitations are implemented in the purchasing process and tracking of purchases is possible.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein, the step of allowing comprises permitting the vendors to download their catalog information via the Internet to the ESAC and the catalog information includes text and image information.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein, the step of providing search capabilities comprises providing keyword, part number, manufacturer or other descriptor search mechanisms.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein, the step of integrating comprises associating budgeting, accounting and authorization information with each employee and/or group of employees and automatically updating this information upon purchases and/or issues that are made.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein, the step of integrating comprises associating an order for an item with an employee placing the order and notifying the employee when the item is received.

6. A system of storing, searching and purchasing a wide variety of items from

an intranet based electronic stockroom and catalog (ESAC) comprising:

an ESAC program that is executed on a server that operates on a secure company intranet, wherein the ESAC is accessed by authorized employees at one or more company terminals;

on-site inventory information and multiple vendor catalog information that is stored in ESAC wherein, the vendors are allowed to download their catalog information to ESAC, both for initial loading of their catalog and for updating of their catalog information;

search capabilities that allow for simultaneous searching of the multiple vendor catalogs and items that are available on-site; and

ESAC functions that provide integration of ESAC files with other company electronic files so that budgeting, accounting and authorization limitations are implemented with each purchase and tracking of purchases is possible.

7. The system of claim 6 wherein, the vendors can download their catalog information via the Internet to ESAC and the catalog information includes text and image information.

8. The system of claim 6 wherein, the search capabilities provide keyword, part number, manufacturer or other descriptor search mechanisms.

9. The system of claim 6 wherein, budgeting, accounting and authorization information is associated with each employee and/or group of employees and the budgeting, accounting and authorization information is automatically updated with each purchase and/or issue.

10. The system of claim 6 wherein, the step of integrating comprises associating an order for an item with an employee placing the order and notifying the employee when the item is received.

ABSTRACT

An intranet based comprehensive ordering system that allows authorized employees to simultaneously search many different vendor's catalogs that are stored in a server on a company's intranet. The present Electronic Stockroom and Catalog (ESAC) allows vendors to download their catalogs to the system for storage, browsing and possible purchase by authorized employees. ESAC also allows vendors to update catalogs that may already be in the system. ESAC stores the catalogs and provides the employee with the ability to easily search all of the vendors catalogs for desired items. Thus, employees have access to a wide variety of items. The present system is an attempt at providing the company with one-stop-shopping for every item that every employee will ever need in the course of their employment. If the desired item is available on-site i.e., in one of the stockrooms of the company, then ESAC informs the employee and provides location information relating to the desired item. If the desired item is not available on-site, then the item can be electronically ordered from a vendor. Generally speaking, the ESAC operates within the security of a company firewall and access is not available to unauthorized personnel or to the general public that may try to access ESAC via the Internet.

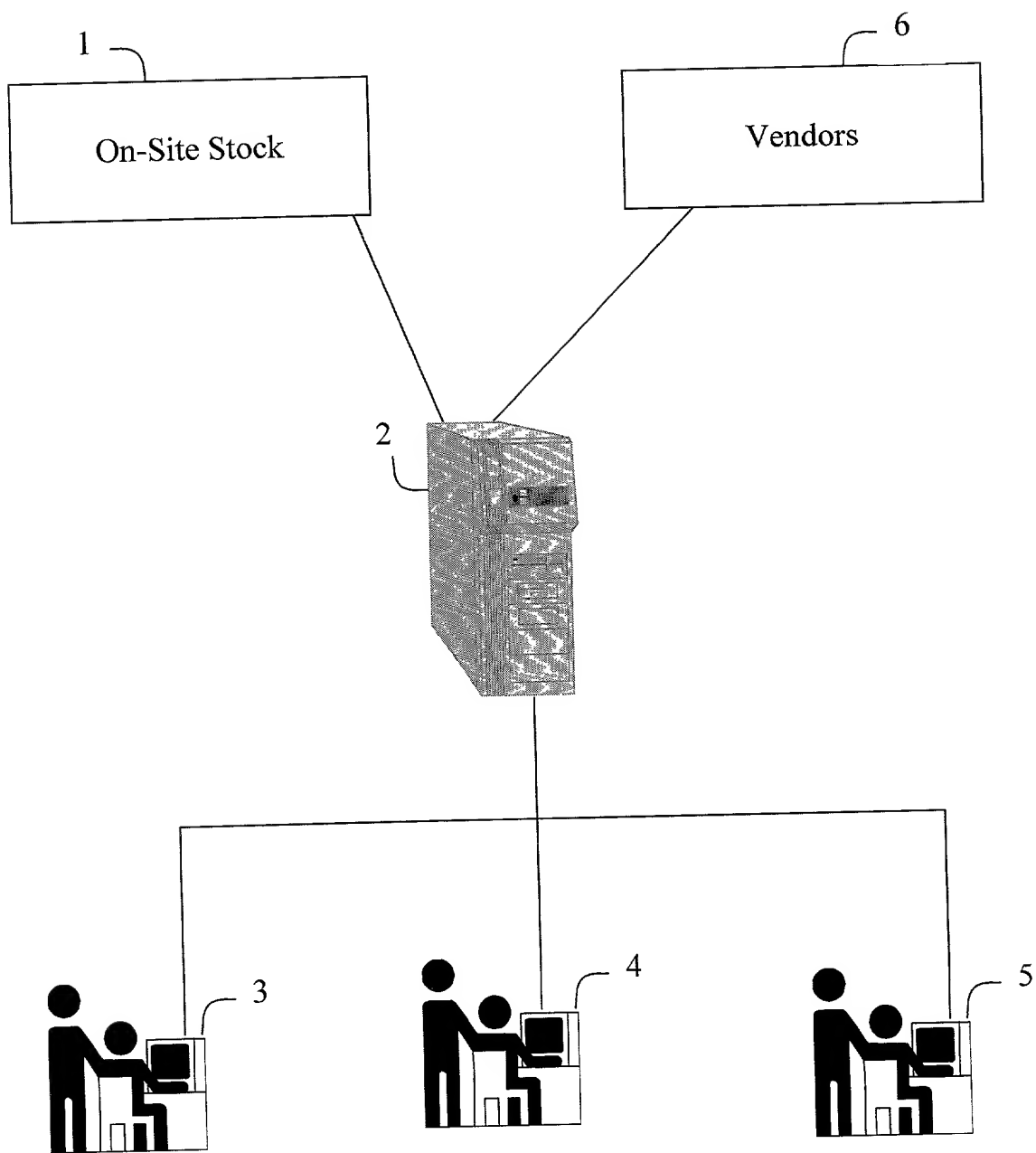


Figure 1

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graph TD; Start(( )) --> 7{Authorized Order?}; 7 -- Y --> 8{Item on Site?}; 7 -- N --> 14[Follow up accounting]; 8 -- Y --> 9[Virtual issue and accounting]; 8 -- N --> 11[Provide item information]; 9 --> 10[Purchaser takes possession of item]; 11 --> 12[Order to Vendor via Internet]; 12 --> 13[Track item and Notify purchaser]; 13 --> 10; 10 --> 14; 14 --> 7;
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The flowchart illustrates the process for purchasing a virtual item. It begins with a decision diamond labeled 'Authorized Order?' (7). If the answer is 'Y' (Yes), the process moves to another decision diamond 'Item on Site?' (8). If the answer to (8) is 'Y', it proceeds to a rectangular box 'Virtual issue and accounting' (9), which then leads to 'Purchaser takes possession of item' (10). If the answer to (8) is 'N' (No), it moves to 'Provide item information' (11), then 'Order to Vendor via Internet' (12), and finally 'Track item and Notify purchaser' (13), which also leads to 'Purchaser takes possession of item' (10). From 'Purchaser takes possession of item' (10), the flow goes to 'Follow up accounting' (14). From 'Follow up accounting' (14), the flow loops back to the 'Authorized Order?' (7) decision diamond.

Figure 2

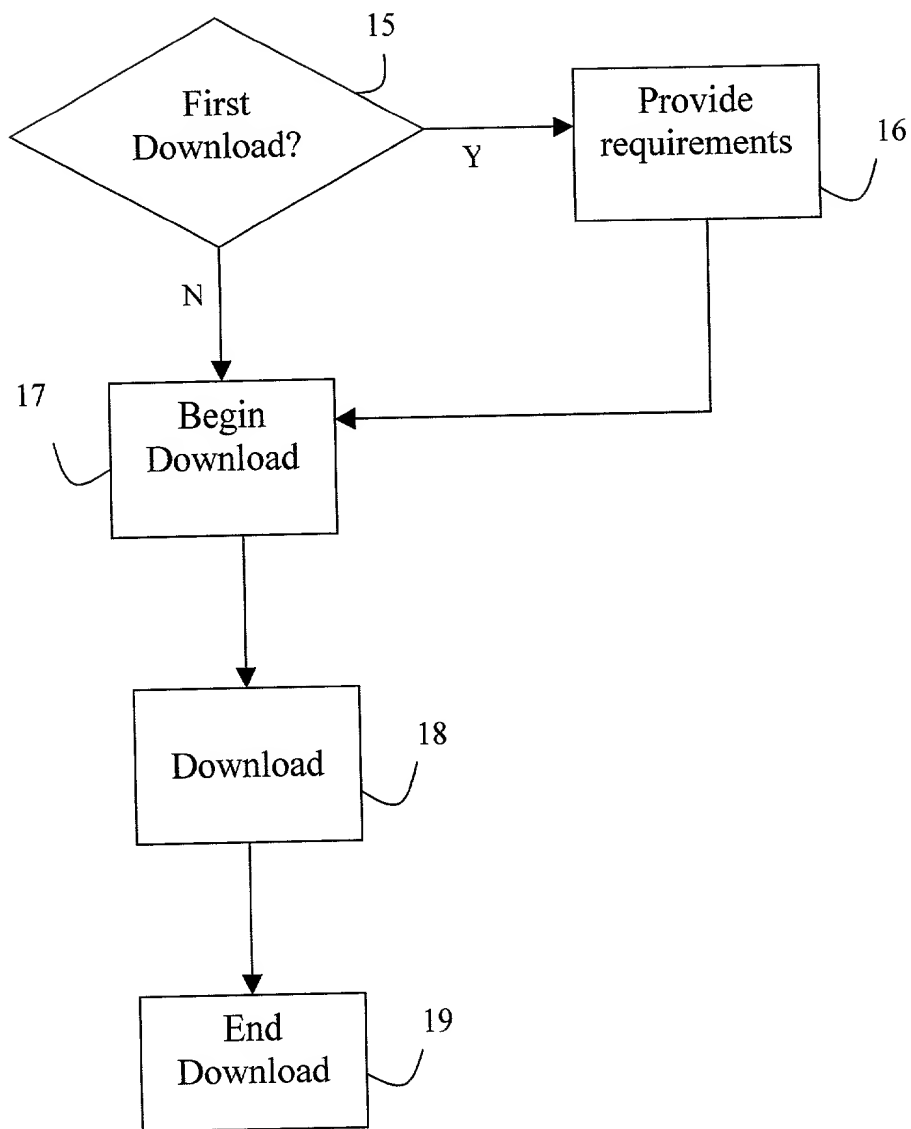


Figure 3

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ELECTRONIC STOCKROOM AND CATALOG, the application of which is attached hereto.

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